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2. (Confidential - JMM) After talking to Bruce Clarke, D/OSR, about the request of Richard Perle, on the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, I called Perle to say that we really couldn't give him any very useful estimates of the cost to the Soviets of pursuing various options of their missile programs. I recalled that we had briefed Perle last May on these subjects, and said we couldn't add much to what was covered at that time. Perle said he appreciated the problem, but it was nevertheless of vital importance in connection with U.S. decisions regarding SALT. I said we would keep this in mind.

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9. (Secret - JMM) In response to a request from Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), Richard Perle, of the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, visited Headquarters and was briefed by Carl Duckett on verification problems relating to SALT. Perle left with us some follow up questions concerning the cost of certain possible Soviet Force changes which have been referred to OSR.

During his visit, Perle asked me some questions about the Neil Sheehan story on subversives in the GVN. I said it concerned a working paper which was circulated within the community--not a coordinated estimate and that Sheehan's sources were obviously familiar with the paper but his press account contained some errors and distortions which tended to exaggerate the seriousness of the problem.

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10. (Confidential - JMM) On the basis of a cable from [] [] I called Richard Moose, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in response to Senator Fulbright's inquiry to the Director about the arrest of one [] a secretary of the []

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[] I said that our people in [] were inclined to agree with the [] authorities that there was indeed some valid evidence implicating [] in some sort of conspiracy against the regime.

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Mr. Moose asked, half facetiously, if the Chairman could see a copy of the document referred to in Neil Sheehan's article about subversion in the GVN. I said this was a working paper, not a community estimate, and while Sheehan's version of it was generally accurate his article had exaggerated the scope of the Communist penetrations in important respects.

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I invited Mr. Abshire and his Deputy, Ambassador Harry Symmes, to visit the Agency for lunch next week.

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4. (Confidential - GLC) Richard Perle, on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to say Senator Jackson was anxious for him to be briefed on verification techniques and the judgments involved in connection with SALT. Perle made reference to the fact that we had not wanted to participate in a joint briefing of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on SALT and added he was doing a paper for the Senator on the subject. Arrangements have been made for Perle to come to the Agency on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. to discuss this subject with Mr. Duckett.

5. (Confidential - GLC) Hand-carried to Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, a map of South Vietnam, Cambodia, and portions of Laos prepared at Senator Stennis' request at the last briefing we gave him on Cambodia. Braswell commented on the "publicity" we had gotten in Neil Sheehan's article in today's New York Times, but said he saw nothing particularly sensitive in the circumstances of the article. I briefed Braswell on certain parts of the article which were not entirely accurate.

I briefed Braswell on several current intelligence items including:

- a. Problems with the Soviet Flogger;
- b. Increase in Soviet photo reconnaissance;
- c. Status of SAM sites in the standstill zone;
- d. Soviet and ChiCom nuclear tests; and
- e. Soviet preparations for a new circumlunar probe.

6. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Jay Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, called and said a Senator had inquired as to the accuracy of certain radio reports that there had been an attempt to assassinate Fidel Castro. After checking with [] DDI, I passed 25X1A word to Sourwine that the reports were inaccurate.

Sourwine called and asked if there was anything to a 6 October item in the Chicago Tribune reporting that CIA had determined that some 43 camps with some ten thousand occupants had been set up in Cuba for terrorist training of nationals from all continents. Sourwine said that it would be hard to believe the figures involved, but that he would be interested in anything we might have along this line which can be shared with the Subcommittee. I told Sourwine I would check and be back in touch.

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Monday - 12 October 1970

1. (Confidential - JMM) Called Wilfred Rommel, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Office of Management and Budget, to ask him to try to expedite our legislative package as explained in my letter of 30 September before the recess of Congress. He seemed hazy on the facts and I refreshed his recollection, adding that his assistant, Victor Zafra, had all the details. Rommel said he would see what he could do and call me back.

2. (Confidential - JMM) Roger Morris, in the office of Senator Walter Mondale, called to say the Senator was very anxious to have an early briefing on Cienfuegos. I said we would like to be helpful but it had been decided this subject would be handled by the Defense Department and suggested he call Dick Capen, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Congressional Relations. Morris said the Senator would also like a briefing on the "strategic balance." I said we were responsible only for hostile forces, and a meaningful briefing on the "strategic balance" would have to cover both friendly and hostile forces which could properly be handled only by the Pentagon.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Bill Hancock, General Counsel, ACDA, called about Senator Jackson's request for an Agency representative to appear tomorrow along with the SALT delegation to discuss verification. I told Hancock that we had already explained to Richard Perle, on Jackson's staff, why this was not feasible, adding that we would be glad to brief Jackson personally. Hancock seemed to understand the situation.

4. (Secret - JMM) Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, called to say that Chairman Mahon wanted to change the time of tomorrow's briefing of the CIA Subcommittee to 10:00 a.m. Preston said he thought we might get questions about our budget and should have someone there to cover it if need be.

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Friday - 9 October 1970

1. (Confidential - JMM) Called Roland Paul, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, regarding our earlier conversations about the number of Greek political prisoners under the present regime as compared with those during the Papandreou period. I explained that, after checking with the experts, I found it could be argued, as a State Department witness had testified, that there were more political prisoners under Papandreou than now, on the basis that when the Papandreous first came into power there were nearly 1,000 -- all but a handful were released during the Papandreou government whereas today there are approximately 500 political prisoners still incarcerated. Paul agreed with me that the way the figures had been presented by the Department witness gave a misleading impression but said that he had explained the true facts to Chairman Fulbright.
2. (Confidential - JMM) Called Richard Perle, staff of the Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, and explained that we could not provide a witness to join with the SALT delegation in testifying next week but would be glad to brief Senator Henry Jackson privately.
3. (Secret - JMM) Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, called to say Chairman Mahon would like to schedule a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13 October. After checking with General Cushman I confirmed our availability, explaining that the General had another important commitment later that afternoon. Preston assured me that our Subcommittee session probably wouldn't run more than an hour and a half.

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